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Mr. Derek Chow Deputy Director Department of Transportation, Harbors Division State of Hawaii 79 S. Nimitz Highway Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Deputy Director Chow:

The Hawaii Harbor Users Group (HHUG), established in 2005, is a non-profit harbor user industry group whose mission is to help the state identify, prioritize and support improvements to Hawaii's commercial harbors. HHUG's membership comprises of 23 Companies representing the spectrum of Harbor users.

Aloha Marine Lines
American Marine Corp.
HC&D
Hawaiian Cement
Hawaii Gas
Par Hawaii, Inc.
Kapolei Properties, LLC.
Kirby Offshore Marine
McCabe Hamilton & Renny Co.
Matson Navigation Company
Norwegian Cruise Line
Ocean Network Express Pte Ltd

Pacific Shipyards International Pasha Hawaii Transport Lines P & R Water Taxi Sause Bros. Inc.
Sea Engineering, Inc.
Young Brothers
Clean Islands Council Hawaii Pilots Association Hawaii Pacific University Hawaii Longshore Division ILWU Local 142

Pasha firmly supports Harbors Division's request to the US Army Corps of Engineers to investigate modifications to Honolulu Harbor to decrease inefficiencies in ship movements caused by limitations in the channels and basins, adapt to new ships and barges, meet maritime growth needs, address safety concerns associated with the single one way channel, and adapt to anticipated sea level rise.

Although KCT is a significant addition/improvement to Hawaii's lifeline, the waterways must also undergo a complete review and assessment of future opportunities to support the ongoing utilization of DOT/HH terminal facilities.

Similar to this would be the historical planned and executed addition of the new Panama Canal added to the waterway improvements/enhancements to ensure continuous flow of goods there. Unfortunately, on the other hand, the most recent tragic event in the Suez Canal, demonstrates/confirms that same importance of forward thinking and planning.

Confirming again that Pasha Hawaii supports the importance of a new Hawaii Waterways study.

Respectfully yours,

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